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PLAYING WITH RECIPROCIITY.

The convention of manufacturers, which met in Washington Tuesday for the purpose of discussing the reciprocity question, took a good deal more interest in the question of continued tariff protection than it did in reciprocity.

Whereas the growth of manufactures in the United States, represented in values and in round numbers, has been as follows:

Table showing growth of manufactures in the United States from 1850 to 1900.

And whereas these figures exhibit at the same time (1) a splendid result for the past industrial policies of our Government and (2) a growing need for the development of larger markets in foreign countries; and

Whereas it would seem desirable not only to maintain our policies under which such splendid results have been accomplished, but also to devise means to develop increased markets for the increased and increasing manufactured products; therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention recommends to Congress the maintenance of the principle of protection for the home market and to open by reciprocity opportunities for increased foreign trade in special cases, but only where it can be done without injury to any of our home interests of manufacturing concerns or farming.

That in order to ascertain the influence of any proposed treaty on our home interests this convention recommends to Congress the appointment of a reciprocity commission, which shall be charged with the duty of investigating the condition of any industry or business, and reporting thereon to Congress for guidance in negotiating reciprocity trade agreements.

These resolutions were adopted by a practically unanimous vote, there being only three votes in the negative, one of which changed to the affirmative, leaving but two against, one a tanner from Pittsburgh, who wanted the duty removed from hides, the other a manufacturer of agricultural machinery in Chicago.

Other countries are not interested in our tariff on hides. They have sales for all the hides they produce. To retain our duty does not reduce the price; to remove the duty would not secure for them any advance in price.

now with their better methods and labor saving machinery, but they could do it much more easily, build up a large foreign trade and make larger profits if they could buy their leather as cheaply as the European manufacturers can.

"I want to say a word concerning the manufacture of harvesting machines. This is a very busy industry, producing a surplus, and that surplus is sent to foreign markets. I come here as an advocate of manufacturers producing a surplus.

"There is an industry which employs 3,000 men in manufacturing agricultural machinery and implements for export, not a small industry by any means. It not only employs these men, but it gives employment to many more who furnish the metal and timber used in the manufacture of those implements and machinery.

Mr. C. Cook, who went to Syracuse, N. Y., with two cents in his pocket and by close application to business amassed an estate of \$700,000, has concluded that he can get along on \$100,000, and divided the rest among his children, which is better than a family squabble over it after he passes away.

Great Britain has purchased \$16,000,000 worth of horses and mules in this country for the Boer hunt. There is a good deal of sympathy for the Boers in this country but the horse and mule men are not doing any kicking.

Mr. Hugh O. Pentecost rises to remark that Andrew Carnegie is "a conscious or an unconscious humbug." Maybe so, but he has a very good way of showing it, and making the country hanker for more humbugs of the same kind.

The oil field in Texas is expanding. A gusher has been recently turned in thirty miles from Beaumont. It runs a hundred and fifty barrels a day of fine lubricating oil, which is more valuable than the Beaumont fuel oil.

One of the discoveries made by the pure food inspectors in Illinois is called "clover honey," a stuff made of glucose and sold at about one-fifth of the price of sugar-enough honey. That is taking a sure advantage of industrious little bee.

A negro who ran for the Legislature in Ohio at the last election made a phenomenal run. He got a total of eight votes, seven besides his own. They don't draw the color line up there; oh, no.

As an illustration of the business depression in Germany it is stated that while in October last year there were 153 applications for each 100 vacant situations, last October there were 198 applications.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The average daily shipment of oil out of Beaumont is approximating 100 cars a day—tangible evidence that Texas fuel oil is finding a market, and a large one. It is said that if there were more cars available the shipments would be larger.

The aftermath of the Roosevelt-Washington dinner in appointing Negroes object to a group typifying negro life in the South which it is proposed to place in front of the negro building at the West Indian and Interstate exposition of Charleston.

There appears to be a division of opinion among Republican Congressmen as to the wisdom of abolishing or reducing still further the war revenue taxes.

THE RICE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Nov. 22. "EDITOR STAR: Dear Sir—Less than a year ago, and upon short notice, there assembled at Lake Charles, La., a convention of rice growers, rice factors and rice millers—in short, all those interested in the rice industry, throughout the Gulf coast sections of Louisiana and Texas.

This convention (which I believe to be the first organized effort in behalf of rice that has been made in this country) was a most successful one, and proved so congenial, so instructive and so thoroughly satisfactory from every standpoint that great efforts were made to organize a permanent organization; so there and then, amid such sentiments as—

"Rice is an American staple food, a staple of our people, and its production is one of the most important of our country; and it is the duty of all of us, as consumers as well as as producers, to recognize as a staple of our people, and the cost of handling and distributing it, should be placed on the same basis as the great staples, whose equal, if not superior value, it has, and a discriminating tariff, preventing the maximum of consumption in the United States."

Mr. Fred Herbst, who recently sustained a painful injury near Macon, Ga., by which both legs were cut off by a moving train, arrived home yesterday afternoon and is at the Memorial Hospital until his wounds can heal. He came along from Macon every one is interested in his condition and he is making a fine recovery.

Will Be a Massive Volume. Report of Impeachment Trial will be issued by State Printers. A report of the trial for the impeachment of the Supreme Court Judges, which the State is printing as an official document, will be issued from the press of the State printers.

ONLY EIGHT DAYS TO THE OPENING.

The South Carolina Interstate and West Indian Exposition—Everything On the March—Fine Prospects.

TO SEND TROOPS TO CHARLESTON.

Movement on Foot to Have N. C. Military Attend the Exposition.

It is understood that Governor Aycock is at the head of a movement in the State to send one whole regiment to Charleston during "North Carolina Week" which will commence the latter part of January.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Plymouth Beacon: After a long and painful illness Capt. C. W. Martin departed this life at his home in this town on Tuesday night last, aged forty years.

LIEUTENANT NEWCOMB'S REWARD.

Received Only Gold Medal Awarded by Congress for Heroism in War.

The New York Herald, under a Washington date line, prints the following in regard to Lieut. F. H. Newcomb, who has many friends here and who married Miss Prioleau, of Southport:

"The only gold medal authorized by Congress for heroic conduct during the war with Spain was sent to-day to Lieutenant Frank H. Newcomb, now in Patuxent, N. Y., by Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Taylor.

MURDER TRIAL AT ASHEVILLE.

Negro Escaped Hanging Because the Jury Determined the Verdict by Lottery.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Nov. 23.—John Miller, a negro, who was convicted of killing a negro woman and cutting up her body, escaped hanging because the jury determined the verdict by lottery.

KENTUCKY MINE TROUBLE.

Strikers Continue Defiant—Gen. Murray Preparing to Enforce Judge's Order.

MADISONVILLE, KY., Nov. 23.—A striking union men continued defiant and remain to-night in camp near the mines.

MRS. ELIZABETH HOWE DALE.

Woman Accused of Killing Her Child Declares That She Could Derive No Benefit From Its Death.

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